

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/082,282	TAKEZAWA ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 7/6/04.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 5-9.
3. The drawings filed on 26 February 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of
 Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

EXAMINER'S COMMENT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Response to Amendment

The amendment filed on 7/6/04 has been entered. Claims 1 and 9 have been amended.

Claims 2-4 have been canceled. Claims 1 and 5-9 are pending.

The substitute abstract filed on 7/6/04 has been acknowledged and accepted.

The substitute specification filed on 7/6/04 has been acknowledged and accepted.

Acknowledgment is made of applicant's submission of the date-stamped mailroom receipt form 2/26/02, verifying that a certified copy of the priority document was received.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1 and 5-8 were allowed in the office action dated 4/6/04.

Claim 9 is allowed in light of the recent amendment.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding Claims 1 and 5-8, please see the office action dated 4/6/04.

Regarding Claim 9, the cited prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest a method of managing deterioration of a cable sheathing insulation material comprising, along with the other claimed features, measuring a variation of polarized light between said irradiated light and said reflected light and diagnosing a deterioration degree of said cable sheathing insulation material from said measured variation.

As stated in the office action dated 4/6/04, the cited prior art of record teaches detecting a defect of a surface, such as a particle or a crack, by measuring the difference in polarization from irradiated light and reflected light. It does not teach a deterioration factor of the article, which is more of a property of the material of the article.

The advantages of these features are in the specification on pages 2-8. In particular, the Applicant states in the specification on page 8 that by identifying a deterioration factor of an article, an action for excluding the deterioration factor is made. This suppresses the deterioration and improves the durability of the system and reduces the cost.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Davienne Monbleau whose telephone number is 571-272-1945. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Porta can be reached on 571-272-2444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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